Application No. 10/777,478 Amendment dated February 14, 2008 Reply to Office Action of November 14, 2007

REMARKS

In the above-mentioned Office Action, all of the pending claims, claims 1-7, were rejected. Claims 1-4 and 6-7 were rejected under Section 103(a) over the combination of 3GPP Document TS 25.331 v3.16.0 (2003-9) and Tohono. And, claim 5 was rejected under Section 103(a) over the combination of the 3GPP Document, Tohono, and Laitanen.

The Examiner relied upon the 3GPP Document for receiving a system information block of Type 11 and a system information block of Type 12 and of identifying a same information element of each of SIB 11 and SIB 12.

The Examiner acknowledged that the 3GPP Document fails to teach arranging the user equipment device to apply certain received information elements in a defined order and applying a system information associated with the identified same information elements according to the defined order wherein the order defined in the user equipment device specifies that the system information associated with the information element from SIB 11 and then applying the same information associated with the information element from SIB 12.

The Examiner relied upon Tohono for showing the applying of the certain received information elements in a defined order and for showing applying the system information associated with the same information elements. The Examiner asserted that Tohono teaches application in a defined order – specifically, active cell, candidate cell, and hand-over cell. And, the Examiner asserted that the active cell or set corresponds to the idle mode, and thus corresponds to SIB 11 and/or SIB 12.

The applicant notes that independent claims 1, 6, and 7 state that SIB 11 relates to idle and connected mode. And, independent claims 1, 6, and 7 further states that SIB 12 relates to the connected mode.

The applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's assertions related to Tohono. And, in particular, the applicant traverses the Examiner's assertion that the set corresponds to the idle mode and, thusly, corresponds to SIB 11 and/or SIB12. As noted, SIB 11 relates to the "idle and connected mode", not to the "idle mode" alone.

While the Examiner relies upon paragraphs 56-59 of Tohono, these cited paragraphs fail to mention SIB 11 or SIB 12. Nor does Tohono elsewhere disclose of system information

relating to SIB 11 or SIB 12, let alone any correspondence between SIB 11 or 12 and the idle and

connected mode or the connected mode.

Additionally, contrary to the Examiner's assertion that one skilled in the art would find it obvious to combine the teachings of the 3GPP document and Tohono, the applicant believes that one skilled would conclude the lack of direction of in which order to apply the information that the invention is concerned is, instead, an indication that the claimed invention is unobvious.

Laitenan, cited in the rejection of dependent claim 5, was cited merely for showing a computer program product. And, accordingly, this reference does not appear to be relevant to any of the independent claims.

As the dependent claims include all of the limitations of their parent claim, these claims are believed to be distinguishable over the cited references, in any combination, for the same reasons as those given with respect to their parent claim.

Accordingly, in light of the foregoing, the independent claims, as presently presented, as well as the dependent claims thereon, are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Reexamination and reconsideration for allowance of the claims, as presently presented, is

therefore respectfully requested. Such early action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted.

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